

# Historical and Cultural Affairs

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## News

### Students honored for 2019 Delaware Day competition

Program encourages fourth graders to study the U.S. Constitution and Delaware's role in its creation.

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Detail from Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School's display which received the George Read Award and an Artistic Merit Award in the 2019 Delaware Fourth Grade Competition.

### Division to sponsor seven special events during January 2020

Highlights include a program on William Penn's role in the founding of Dover, activities celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a concert by CoroAllegro.

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### A December to remember!

Photographic chronicle of events during December 2019 sponsored by the division and its partnering organizations.

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### Division welcomes six new staff members

New employees include a curator of education, a physical plant trades mechanic, an executive housekeeper at Buena Vista, a property manager for the Cooch's Bridge campus and two construction project-managers at agency-managed sites across the state.

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### Division honors its employees at all-staff event

Dec. 16, 2019 event recognized the division's 2019 achievements and the people who made them happen.

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# Help Save Delaware History

**Division seeks next-of-kin for unmarked human remains found in North Murderkill Hundred, Kent County**

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2020

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**National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week, March 10–12, 2020**

Annual gathering promotes sound federal preservation policy and programs.

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**“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”**

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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## Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Lewes history: Cruel Christmas Eve fire that burnt a Dutch colony](#)

Daily Times, Salisbury, Md.—Dec. 23, 2019

English burned town in 1673.

[DNA Analysis From Colonial Delaware Skeletons Reveals Beginning Of American Slave Trade](#)

Forbes, New York, N.Y.—Dec. 19, 2019

Article explores burials at Avery’s Rest in Sussex County, Del.

[Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs announces January events](#)

Middletown Transcript, Del.—Dec. 18, 2019

Seven programs to be featured.

## Events

**Wednesday, Jan. 1**

[New Year’s Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

**Saturday, Jan. 4**

[Dreaming of Dover: William Penn and the Creation of Our City](#) – The Old State House

[Dreams of a Victor](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

**Sunday, Jan. 5**

[Olde Christmas Musical Celebration](#) – Prince George’s Chapel

**Friday, Jan. 10**

[Concert by CoroAllegro](#) – The Old State House

**Saturday, Jan. 11**

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

[Black Footprints on White Sands: Historic African American Beaches and Resorts](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

**Monday, Jan. 20**

[Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House open. John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

[Courage and Freedom](#) – The Old State House

[The Struggle](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

## Exhibits and Displays

### Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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